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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Birgit Stevens (Belgium), on the basis of informal consultations

Further organizational matters of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission on the Status of Women, in order to further develop opportunities for sharing national experience during its annual session, in particular with regard to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration¹ and Platform for Action² and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,³ and to enhance its working methods, building upon its agreed conclusions 1996/1 and taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/27 of 26 July 2001:

(a) Decides, starting from its forty-seventh session, in 2003, to introduce the option of high-level round tables and to authorize the Bureau to decide, after consultation with all interested States through the regional groups, on the number, timing and theme of any such round tables;

(b) Stresses the need for the outcome of the substantive consideration of thematic issues to be concise and action-oriented.

¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ General Assembly resolutions S-23/2 and S-23/3.

